

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A security system, comprising:
 - a) a handheld light source for selectively emitting a beam of light, said light source comprising including:
 - 1) an imager, having an optical axis generally along said beam of light, for converting a first image received along said optical axis into an electronic image;
 - 2) a transmitter, coupled to said imager, for broadcasting said electronic image as a broadcast image; [[and]]
 - 3) a power cell, coupled to said imager and to said transmitter, for providing operating power such that said light source is portable; and
 - 4) a first on/off switch operable to control said light source independently of said imager, and a second on/off switch operable to control said imager independently of said light source; and
 - b) a remote unit, including:
 - 1) a receiver for receiving said broadcast image and converting it back to said electronic image; and
 - 2) at least one of the following:
 - i) a monitor, coupled to said receiver, for displaying said electronic image; and

ii) a recorder, coupled to said receiver, for recording said electronic image in a format suitable for recovery of said first image at a later time, wherein said handheld light source is constructed and arranged to concurrently generate said beam of light, convert said first image into an electronic image, and broadcast said electronic image as a broadcast image.

2. (Previously Presented) The security system of claim 1 wherein said remote unit consists essentially of said recorder.

3. (Previously Presented) The security system of claim 1 wherein said remote unit is installed in a vehicle.

4. - 6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The security system of claim 1 wherein said handheld light source further includes a microphone, coupled to said transmitter, for converting sounds from a region near said light source into audio signals, and wherein said transmitter broadcasts said audio signals as audio data, wherein said receiver converts said audio data into audio signals, and wherein said monitor audibilizes said audio signals.

8. (Original) The security system of claim 7 wherein said remote unit includes said monitor.
9. (Currently Amended) The security system of claim 8 wherein said monitor audibilizes said audio signals ~~concurrent~~ concurrently with display of said electronic image.
10. (Previously Presented) The security system of claim 7 wherein said remote unit includes a repeater, coupled to said receiver, for rebroadcasting said broadcast image and said audio data to other receivers.
11. (Canceled)
12. (Currently Amended) A method for providing security to an area, comprising:
broadcasting a series of real-time images with accompanying audio signals, from each of a plurality of handheld flashlights, each of said handheld flashlights constructed and arranged for emitting a flashlight beam, and each of said handheld flashlights ~~having~~ comprising a video camera and microphone to a transmitter, said video camera having an optical axis generally along said flashlight beam, wherein said series of real-time images correspond to a series of optical images detected by said video camera ~~concurrent~~ concurrently with said emitting a flashlight beam;
receiving said series of real-time images and audio signals from at least one of said plurality of handheld flashlights as a received series at a remote receiver; and

capturing said received series of real-time images by selecting at least one of the following steps:

displaying said received series of real-time images on a monitor coupled to said receiver while concurrently audibilizing said audio signals; and

recording said received series of real-time images in a format suitable for recovery of said real-time images at a later time.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for providing security to an area, comprising:
equipping at least two of a team of security officers with a flashlight, the flashlight ~~including~~ comprising an integrated wireless video camera and a microphone coupled to a transmitter, each flashlight constructed to emit a beam of light ~~concurrent~~ concurrently with said integrated wireless video camera detecting an image along an optical axis oriented generally along said beam of light;

concurrently emitting a beam of light and detecting an image along an optical axis oriented generally along said beam of light;

broadcasting a series of real-time images with accompanying audio signals from at least one of said flashlights, wherein said series or real-time images is captured by said integrated wireless video camera ~~concurrent~~ concurrently with said emitting of said beam of light;

receiving said series of real-time images and audio signals at a receiver operated at a remote location wherein a team member of said security officers is located; and

capturing said series or real-time images by selecting at least one of the following

steps:

- 1) displaying to said team member said series of real-time images by use of a monitor coupled to said receiver, and audibilizing said audio signals to said team member while displaying said selected one of said series of real-time images; and
- 2) recording, by use of a recorder coupled to said receiver, said series of real-time images in a format for later recovery and display by said team member.

14. (Previously Presented) The security providing method of claim 13 further

comprising:

rebroadcasting said series of real-time images and audio signals by use of a repeater coupled to said receiver;

receiving said rebroadcast series or real-time images and audio signals by use of a second receiver operated at a second remote location wherein a second team member of said security officers is located;

displaying to said second team member said series of real-time images by use of second monitor coupled to said second receiver; and

audibilizing said audio signals to said second team member while displaying said series of real-time images.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The security system of claim 1 wherein the handheld light source further includes a laser pointer constructed and arranged to emit a laser beam oriented along a field-of-view of said imager and wherein said laser pointer is constructed and arranged to operate independently of said imager and said handheld light source.

17. (Currently Amended) The security system of claim 1 wherein said handheld ~~handled~~ light source further includes an RF shield substantially surrounding at least a portion of said transmitter.

18. (Previously Presented) The security system of claim 1 having a second remote unit, said second remote unit having a second receiver, wherein said transmitter broadcasts said broadcast image at a first frequency, and wherein said remote unit includes a repeater, coupled to said receiver, capable of rebroadcasting said broadcast image at a second frequency to said second receiver in said second remote unit, said second frequency being different from said first frequency.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) The security system of claim 1 wherein said handheld light source further includes a microphone, coupled to said transmitter, constructed and arranged to convert a sound into an audio signal, and

wherein said transmitter is constructed and arranged to combine said audio signal and

said electronic image into a combined signal and to broadcast said combined signal in place of said broadcast image, and

wherein said receiver is constructed and arranged to receive said combined signal and convert it back to an audio signal and an electronic image.

21. (Previously Presented) The security system of claim 1 wherein said handheld light source has a rod-like shape.

22. (Previously Presented) The security system of claim wherein the imager has an optical axis collinear to the beam of light.

23¹.- 29. (Canceled)

30. (New) The security system of claim 1, wherein the handheld light source further comprises a baton handle.

31. (New) The security system of claim 30, wherein the baton handle is removeable.

¹ Due to a numbering error in the previous response, the following claims were misidentified as claims 21-28. The current numbering corrects this error.

32. (New) The security providing method of claim 12, wherein each of the plurality of handheld flashlights further comprising a first on/off switch operable to control said light source independently of said imager, and a second on/off switch operable to control said imager independently of said light source.

33. (New) The security providing method of claim 13, wherein each of the flashlights further comprising a first on/off switch operable to control said light source independently of said imager, and a second on/off switch operable to control said imager independently of said light source.

34. (New) A security system, comprising:

a) a handheld light source for selectively emitting a beam of light, the light source comprising:

- 1) an imager, having an optical axis generally along the beam of light, for converting a first image received along the optical axis into an electronic image;
- 2) a plurality of light sources surrounding the imager for selectively emitting the beam of light;
- 3) a transmitter, coupled to the imager, for broadcasting the electronic image as a broadcast image;
- 4) a power cell, coupled to the imager and to the transmitter, for providing operating power such that the light source is portable; and

b) a remote unit, including:

- 1) a receiver for receiving the broadcast image and converting it back to the electronic image; and
- 2) at least one of the following:
 - iii) a monitor, coupled to the receiver, for displaying the electronic image;
and
 - iv) a recorder, coupled to the receiver, for recording the electronic image
in a format suitable for recovery of the first image at a later time,

wherein the handheld light source is constructed and arranged to concurrently generate the beam of light, convert the first image into an electronic image, and broadcast the electronic image as a broadcast image.

35. (New) The security system of claim 34, wherein the handheld light source further comprises a first on/off switch operable to control said light source independently of said imager, and a second on/off switch operable to control said imager independently of said light source.

36. (New) The security system of claim 35, wherein the handheld light source further comprises a laser pointer constructed and arranged to emit a laser beam oriented along a field-of-view of said imager and wherein said laser pointer is constructed and arranged to operate independently of said imager and said handheld light source.

37. (New) The security system of claim 36, wherein the handheld light source further comprises a baton handle.

38. (New) The security system of claim 37, wherein the baton handle is removeable.